

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 17 with the following paragraph:

Use of a short oligonucleotide sequence (i.e., "triplex agent") to stall transcription is known as the triplex strategy, since the oligomer winds around double-helical DNA, forming a three-strand helix. Therefore, such triplex agents can be designed to recognize a unique site on a chosen gene (Maher, et al., Antisense Res. and Dev., 1(3):~~277~~ 227, 1991; Helene, C., Anticancer Drug Design, 6(6):569, 1991).